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PHILIPPINE Sunday INQUIRER

Balanced News, Fearless Views



Jalosjos flees to Dapitan

Justice secretary orders arrest of child rapist

DAPITAN CITY—IN DEFIANCE OF MALACAÑANG, CONvicted child rapist Romeo Jalosjos flew home to Zamboanga del Norte yesterday despite a Palace order for him to be kept in prison. Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez ordered his immediate arrest.

At 75, doctor is longest-serving active medical volunteer

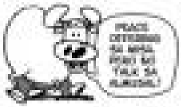


Artist invents gift of colors for the blind



Latin hymns sung in Masses in Pampanga

GMA, Panlilio meet in Mass: Peace be with you



Inquirer keeps No. 1 spot in readership, says survey



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Roxas got it all wrong–Palace

US lobby deal not yet final, is worth only $500,000, says Bunye

MALACAÑANG DEFENDED ITS MOVE TO CONtract an American lobby firm in Washington and said Sen. Mar Roxas, who exposed the deal, had his facts all wrong.

Advancing RP interests

Everyone does it



BUNYE

Professional lobbyists

FINAL REPORT

House ethics body junks case vs JDV

By Norman Bordadora

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Adrian E. Cristobal, public man of letters; 75



ADRIAN E. CRISTOBAL: 1932-2007

Multi-faceted life

Fictionist, dramatist

Public intellectual

Marcos past

Villar mum on plot to unseat him



8 RP seamen home after 45 days with pirates

Lafayette's last straw: Old row with ex-partner

Church, Palace, SMC haggle over price of Sumilao land

Nothing definite

5:30 a.m. flight

No good as given

Bishop's letter

CARP extension

Jalosjos flees to Dapitan; justice secretary orders his arrest

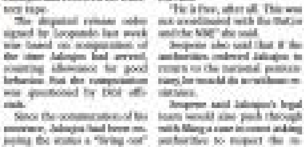
Caught by surprise

Roadblocks set up

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With escorts

Latin hymns sung in Masses in Pampanga



Oral tradition

Bamboo organ creator

Keeping the faithful awake

New feature

Violins and cello

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Personal philosophies

Country boy

Lost job

Call to serve

IVSP

Blood brother

"Pahinungod"

Side effects

GMA, Panlilio meet in Mass: Peace be with you



Show of courtesy

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SC reverses La Salle expulsion of 3 frat men

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New art form

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Fitting gift

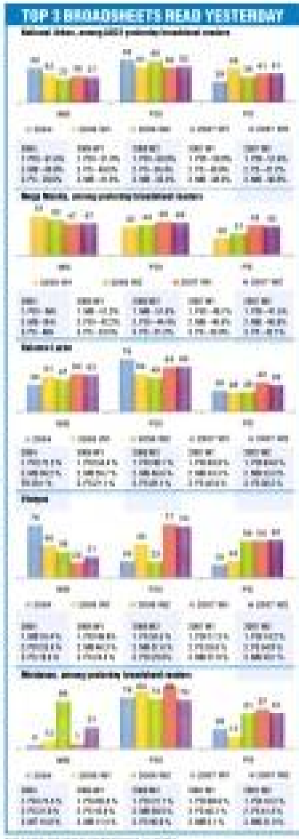
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SIM is frontrunner

Waves 1 and 2



Lawmakers join fight against cigarette smoking

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Unbusinesslike brawl



A specially remembered Christmas

SEPARATE OPINION



Isagani A. Cruz

'Excuse me'



Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

Intangible wealth of nations

WITH DUE RESPECT

Antonio T. Pangalangan



Coming home

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David



Cry, beloved Burma

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U Gambira and Ashin Nayaka

To my monster

REBEL WITHOUT A CLUE

Patricia Evangelista



TALK of the TOWN

Pursuing wellness during the holidays

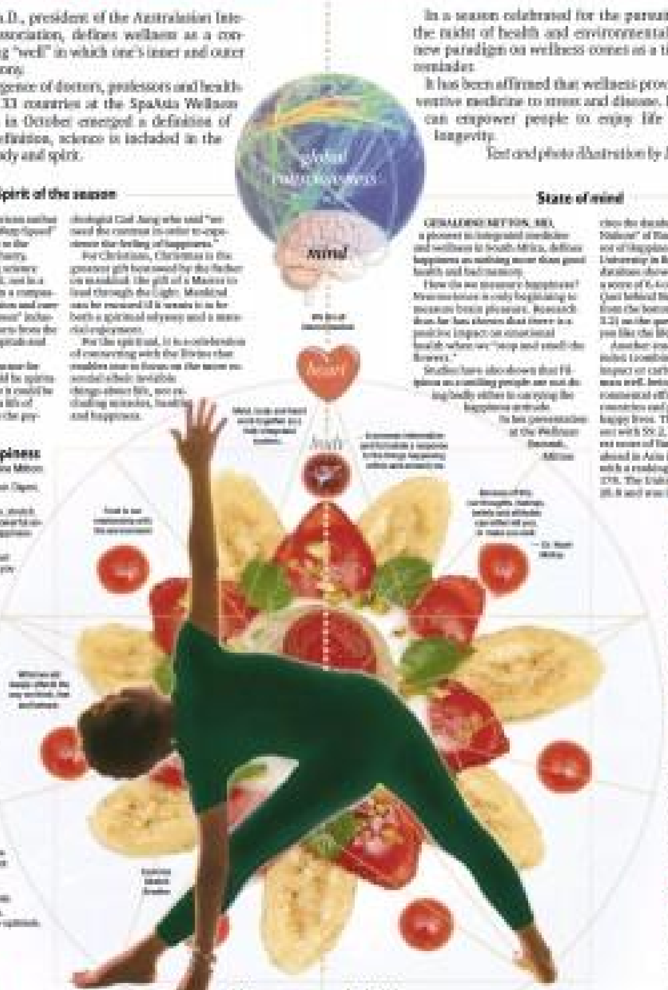
MARC COHEN, Ph.D., president of the Australasian Integrative Medical Association, defines wellness as a conscious state of being "well" in which one's inner and outer worlds are in harmony.

Out of the convergence of doctors, professors and health-care experts from 33 countries at the SpaAsia Wellness Summit in Manila in October emerged a definition of wellness. In the definition, science is included in the synergy of mind, body and spirit.

In a season celebrated for the pursuit of happiness in the midst of health and environmental challenges, this new paradigm on wellness comes as a timely and urgent reminder.

It has been affirmed that wellness provides the best preventive medicine to stress and disease. Learning from it, can empower people to enjoy life and to achieve longevity.

Text and photo illustration by Lynett A. Villariba



Spirit of the season

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State of mind

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The pursuit of happiness

[illegible]

Happy Planet Index

Country	Score	Rank
Vanuatu	[illegible]	1
Philippines	[illegible]	17
Indonesia	[illegible]	[illegible]
Thailand	[illegible]	[illegible]
Malaysia	[illegible]	[illegible]
India	[illegible]	[illegible]
Japan	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK	[illegible]	[illegible]
USA	[illegible]	[illegible]
South Africa	[illegible]	[illegible]
Zimbabwe	[illegible]	[illegible]

Happiness in Nations

TOP	Score
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MIDDLE	
Singapore	[illegible]
Philippines	[illegible]
India	[illegible]
South Korea	[illegible]
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How not to turn the holidays into a diet disaster

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INQUIRER Mindanao

Christmastime in Matigsalog village





Humbling effect

Counterinsurgency

Painful life

Feeling insulted



Across the NATION

It's playtime and learning for these preschoolers

By Yolanda Sotelo-Fuertes
Inquirer Northern Luzon

Volunteer teachers

Better future

Jolo teachers boycott classes

JOLO, SULU—MORE THAN 600 PROVISIONAL TEACHERS in various elementary schools here have refused to conduct classes since Dec. 4 to protest the non-payment of their salaries and other benefits.



THE UNIQUE and native-looking Christmas tree of Ilocos Sur in front of the provincial capitol in Vigan City is made of abel fabric.

Laguna couple continues gift-giving tradition

Firecracker blast hurts passerby

Soldiers beat charcoal-maker, says group



THE SELLING of firecrackers and pyrotechnic materials

News

Gonzalez: What 'diamond statement'?

By Beverly T. Natividad

Investigation



Mrs Esperon tells Inquirer: 'I forgive you'

Vacation in Ilocos

'Not true'

A plus METRO



MUSEUM curator Joseph Parma (left) and Asuncion Kalalo, the owner of the items on display at the exhibit.

SMALL WORLD

Belen exhibit opens San Beda museum



A WOODEN belen from Russia.



ONE made out of marble from Peru.



THE MEXICAN "tree of life" belen.



A CROWD favorite: The belen from Alaska shows a seal, a polar bear and penguins visiting the Baby Jesus.



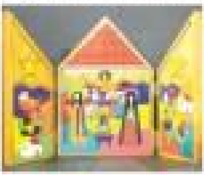
A GOURD from Peru.



A WOODEN belen from the Philippines which shows Mary and Baby Jesus riding on a carabao and Joseph holding a cabo instead of a staff.



FROM Italy, a belen crafted out of volcanic ash taken from Mt. Vesuvius.



ANOTHER Philippine-made belen made of wood.



A WOODEN belen from El Salvador.



A CERAMIC belen from the United States which depicts the Holy Family and a shepherd as snowmen.

Go-to person has been holding office at McDo for 20 years



Gofer

Complicated and painful



JOJO GONZALES: She runs errands, shops for other people and delivers flowers, among other tasks.



GLOBAL Pinoy

TALES MOTHER NEVER TOLD

Solitary holidays



NEW YORK—THE SEASON BEGINS IN LATE November, when Thanksgiving Day rolls around, and lasts till New Year's Day—a time when everyone seems to go around thinking "yes, you can go home again", with the city emptying in between bouts of shopping and parties, airplanes taking off and landing virtually every 10 minutes, highways clogged with cars, buses, trucks, as millions undertake the great migration, like salmon swimming upstream.

7,000 Filipinos

When Christmas begins

No pity party

Highly literate domestics

Light in darkness



Why mom will not be home this Christmas

INFO



LIFE Act

Other workers

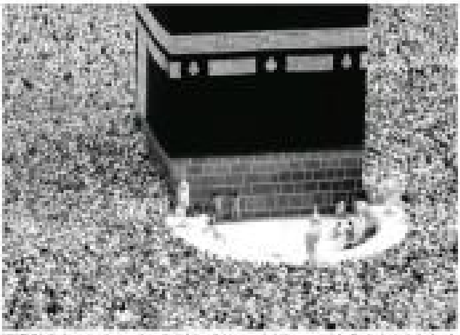
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Long wait

The WORLD

Saudi foils al-Qaida plot during hajj

RIYADH—SAUDI SECURITY FORCES ARRESTED seven non-Saudi Arabs on suspicion of plotting attacks during the annual Muslim pilgrimage, the Arabic newspaper Al-Hayat reported on Saturday.



MUSLIM pilgrims crowd to perform their farewell circumambulation around the Kaaba in the holy city of Mecca, on Dec. 21. AFP

Thais vote in 1st polls after coup

Fujimori apologizes for abuses



FUJIMORI

WORLDBRIEFS

Strong quake hits Indonesia

Travel company collapses

Picasso painting stolen

Belgium tightens security

Illegal Amazon products

US gov't denies CIA tapes showed torture

Spaniards bet in world's richest lottery



LOTTERY numbers are displayed in the center of Madrid on Friday Dec. 21, the day before the Christmas Lottery known as El Gordo, or "the fat one."

Handog saya ng SMART para sa DOLE





In celebration of 74 years of service to the country and Filipinos here and abroad, the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) held day-long festivities last December 7. The event drew around 3,000 employees from the 16 DOLE and 12 attached agencies. Officials and staff gathered at the Ninoy Aquino Stadium and Rizal Memorial Track Oval to participate in a colorful and exciting feast for the senses.

Grand Mardi Gras festival

Special features and highlights

Handog Saya ng SMART

The celebration comes to a close

DOLE and SMART: Partners for the welfare of Filipino workers











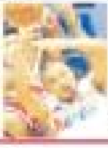






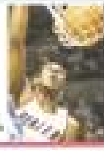
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Tugade, Seigle power Magnolia



SEA GAMES TOPNOTCHERS

Grieving Bata to defend Master of the Table title





RP bets get incentives from GMA

Monico named RP Olympic 'chief'

2 big races at San Lazaro today



Car staked in Rotary golf event

Mighty Menthols capture fourth MABL diadem

Criterium GP nat'l finals up at Clark



Compton sizzles as CKP 168 snatches 7th crown



Hapee gains finals, keeps slate perfect

Harbour forges KO match vs San Mig



Christmas wishes

IN HUDDLE



Beth Celis

Sharks seal 'rubber' match



Newspaper to Clemens: 'We're sorry'

Clark race puts up P1.8-M prize

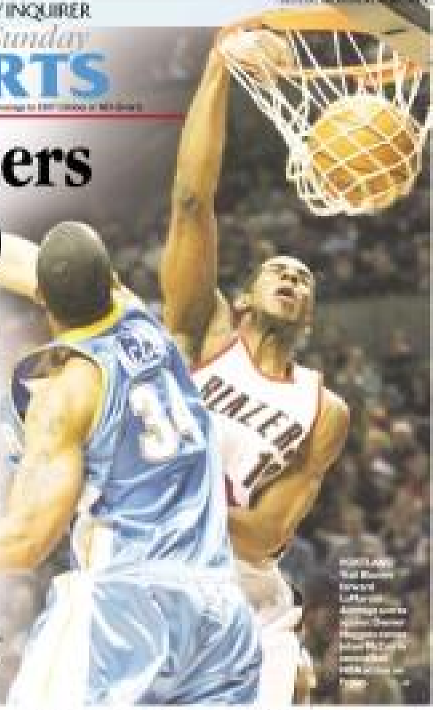
Boxers lead Scoop-Bacolod honor roll



Guba earns Aussie Open juniors berth

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Young Trail Blazers stretch run to 10



Lakers 106, Sixers 101

Celtics 107, Bulls 82

Mavericks 102, Clippers 89

Mayweather giving up boxing for martial arts?

Ocboa, Brady: AP Athletes of the Year



TOM Brady

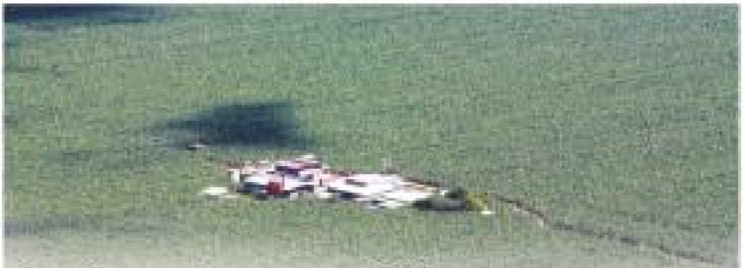


LORENA Ochoa

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John C. Maxwell



Blind spot

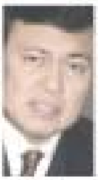
Blind spot: Insecurity

Shedding light

Emerging taipans boost Pinoy entrepreneurial spirit



JOSE ANTONIO

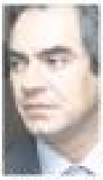


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Sen. Manuel "Manny" Villar Jr.

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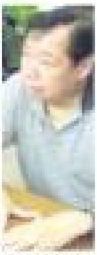
Enrique K. Razon Jr.

Going beyond bananas



From McDonald's to Taba Taba





NIGHT diners in Taba Taba

EDUARDO Amiglo



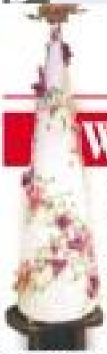


TABA TABA restaurant

Roasters has new look



Sunday Biz



THE THEME is white

Winter wonderland in BSP

By Doris C. Dumlao

THERE'S A NEW TOURIST attraction in the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas and it has nothing to do with money nor banking.

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INDIGENOUS Filipino handicrafts [illegible]



MONETARY Board member Nelly F. Villafuerte



WHITE Christmas trees of various sizes

A Bangko Sentral exec turns her office into a showroom for RP-made white Christmas décor



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I just got my P1 million check for winning 'Celebrity Duets' and I have started distributing the money to my favorite charities

TESSA!
Tessa Prieto-Valdes

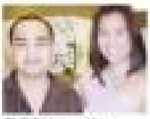


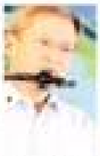




Festival of Trees

Environment advocacy


JEWELRY designer Manny Capella and Jen Tan Gan


WWF vice chair Lory Tan presents key points of WWF-Coral Triangle Initiative.


THE RECEPTION Committee led by WWF president Gerry Ablaza (second from left)


PREP Smart Communications Inc. and PLDT-Smart chair Manuel V. Pangilinan, PREP trustee and Makati Garden Club president Maria Luisa Perez-Rubio, Manila Polo Club president Isabel Caro Wilson and Philamlife president Jose Cuisia Jr.


A LITTLE Bit Country and Her Majesty are among the gorgeous Christmas trees created by Parsan Rubio


BRITISH ambassador's wife Jill Beckingham and PLDT-Smart Foundation head Anthony Pangilinan

Playing Santa this Christmas

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latest to companies that want to reduce their power costs or their "carbon footprint." The latest goes forward.

For example, Ayala Land is making sure its Anvaya Project in Bataan has minimal impact on the environment. One project that appeals to me, since I realize dive, is them adjusting their beach-front lighting so that nesting sea turtles are not disturbed.

Another WWF partner, Petron, is contributing to the conservation of Tubbataha Marine Park in the middle of the Sulu Sea. For a list of projects, call 9207923, e-mail ... or visit www.wwf.org.ph.


BROKERS ... Yolanda Ramos ... and ...


GUEST of honor US Ambassador Kristie A. Kenney


CRISS designer Aby Quijada and Thelma Simon Sanjuan

Lulu's focus

One event that was postponed by the Trillanes uprising is a lounge was the launch party of L Manila.

Lulu Tan Gan's new shop at Greenbelt 5 finally did have its opening last week. The shop is packed with her creative designs as well as that of other young designers. The result is an interesting mix of merchandise, including jewelry by one of my favorite designers, Manny Capella.

Among Lulu's GB 5 neighbors are the fashion shops of several young local fashion designers, like Rajo Laurel, Vic Barba, and Ana Cuenca.

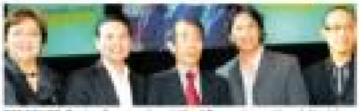
And also in the complex is Pia y Damaso, a stylishly elegant, Filipino-fusion themed restaurant owned by creative duo Ricky Toledo and Olvin Vijandre. Both the food and the interiors are a feast for the palate and the eyes.


LIMARKA designer Tippi Ocampo and husband ...


LOVELY Loli Delgado and Ambassador Albert del Rosario


ULTRA-GENEROUS White Cross supporters ... Reyes, Pepsie Santos, Marine Concepcion, designer Oliver Tolentino and Pinky Vargas


GIFTS queen Lulu Tan Gan and ... Madrin


TCP POWER: Tourism Secretary Joseph "Ace" Durano (second from left) with the TCP team: Makati Skyline Inc.'s Erlinda Santos, Philippine Japan Coffee Holding Corp.'s Ikeguchi Kono, TCP architect Royal Pineda and TCP interior designer Budji Layug

Coffee corner

Another GB 5 must see is Travel Café (TCP) Philippines. The trendy organic-looking café is designed by Budji Layug and offers not just great cuisine and coffee but also serves as a travelers' gateway to the Philippines. Tourists no longer need to book vacations in cramped travel offices.

Attendees of the launch included celebrities, the diplomatic corps, media, government officials, and travel and tourism personalities.

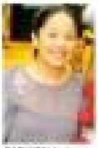
Kicking off the event was the musical performance of "Celebrity Duets" judge Louie Ocampo, Jong Cuenco and the newly launched Ryan Cayabyab Singers. With legendary composer Ryan Cayabyab as musical director, they performed timeless Philippine songs.

TCP is sure to be welcomed by food connoisseurs and travel aficionados. It offers a unique menu that reflects the indigenous flavors of traditional Filipino cuisine. The very first Travel Café Philippines opened in Jakarta, Tokyo, on July 23, 2005.

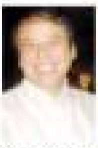
Its success encouraged Tourism Secretary Joseph "Ace" Durano to expand TCP using franchises to establish cafés in the Philippines and around the world. In many ways, Durano is also giving back in the form of government service. Congratulations to him on this fantastic innovation.

Christmas is really a time to give. In the next few weeks, I hope to be able to give out all the checks for my "Celebrity Duets" charities. That way so many more can have a truly Merry Christmas!

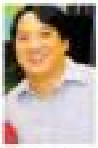
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FASHION designer Patrice Moreno Diaz


TCP PROJECT head Noel Quintos and Marc Antonio


CARDO king Johnny Valdes


DEMI'S Diane Tio and husband Jasper


FAMOUS PR Aaron Pascual


PIA Y Damaso restaurant owners chef Budji Ely Gabito and Ricky Toledo


JOHN and Yoko Restaurant owner Martin Agustin, Angelette Cabos and Anton Barretto

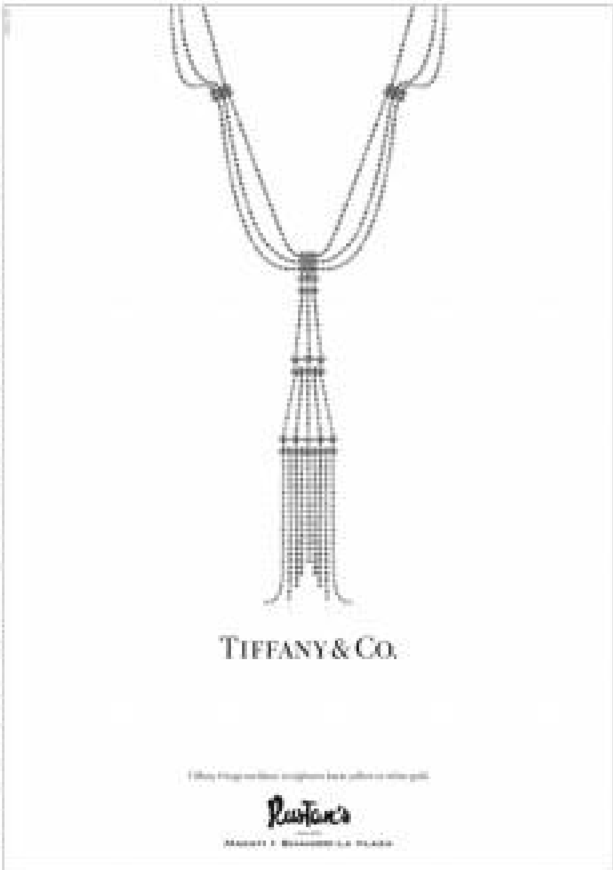

TOURISM Undersecretary Eduardo Jarque and Makati Skyline Inc.'s Noel Santos


FESTIVAL of Trees ladies Loli Rodriguez, Linda Angeles and Mary Pepe

Emily's Post
Emily Marcelo

Is husband pretending to be clueless?

He says he is puzzled by the text messages from a mere 'gofer' in his office updating him on her activities





THE GRANDEST SHOPPING SPREE AT THE GRAND YEAR-END SALE!

Say goodbye to 2007 and welcome 2008 with the grandest shopping spree ever! Dash to SM Supermalls for the event everyone's been waiting for, the Grand Year-End Sale! Enjoy the best deals and the biggest bargains with discounts of up to 50% on great selections mallwide!

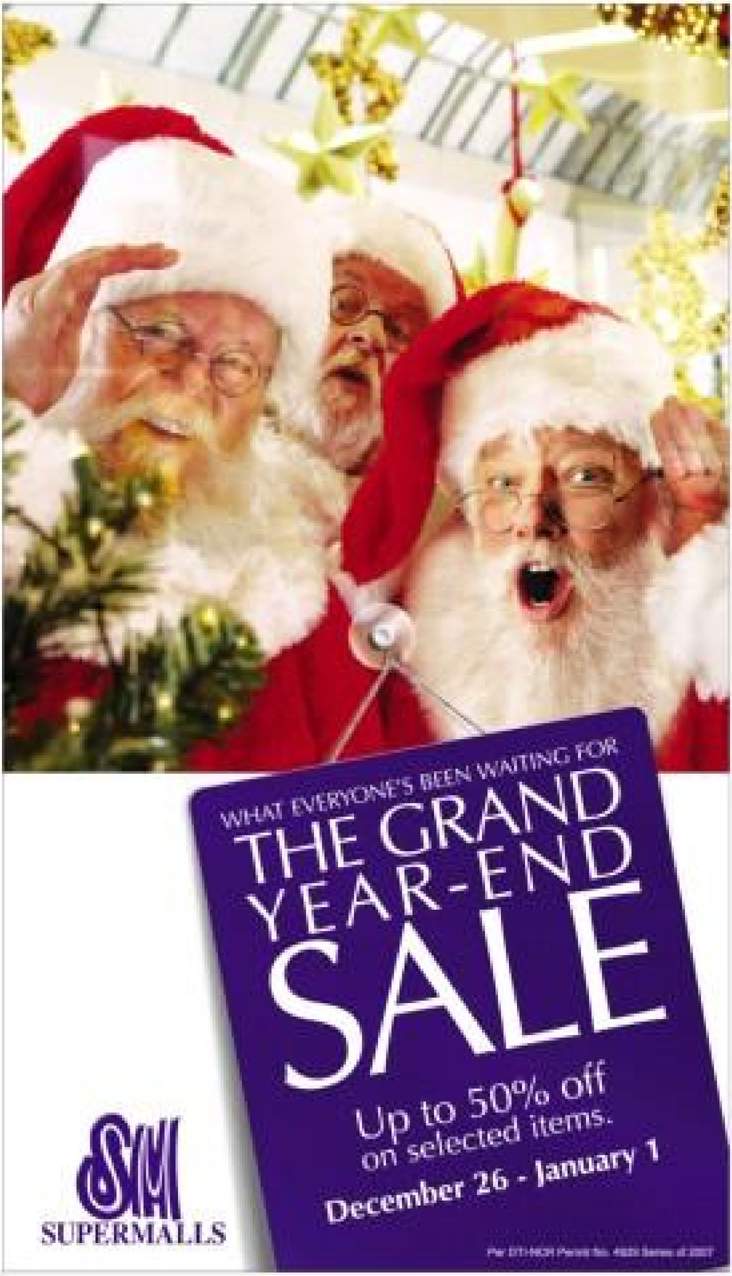
SM SUPERMALLS

Choose from the trendiest fashions, the hottest new gadgets, the coolest new toys and the loveliest home furnishings. Whatever you're looking for, find it all here, at prices you're sure to love.

To let you shop to your heart's delight, we've extended our store hours, from 10am to 10pm on Dec. 26 to 30, 9am to 7pm on Dec. 31 and 12 noon to 9pm on Jan. 1, 2008. With these longer hours, you ... much fun as you'd like!

If you want to take a short break from shopping, grab some refreshments or sit down for a meal at one of the numerous restaurants. There's a lot to choose from. Grab a light snack to go, sit down to a filling meal, or satisfy your sweet tooth with desserts, cakes and pastries. Whatever you're craving for, satisfy it here.

And to cap off your activities, feast your eyes on the most spectacular fireworks displays as they light up the night sky. With all these in store for you, we're sure you'll agree that the Grand Year-End sale is definitely the grandest way to welcome the new year!



Christmas Events at SM Supermalls

FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Enjoy a most spectacular lights display at the following malls:

SM City North Edsa
SM City Fairview
SM Megamall
Dec. 22, 23, 29 & 30
8:00 pm

SM City Sta. Mesa
Dec. 30
7:00 pm

SM Southmall
SM City Bicutan
SM City Sucat
SM Supercenter Muntinlupa
Dec. 22, 26, 29 & 30
7:00 pm

Holiday Mall Hours

(Metro Manila Malls only)

Dec. 1-30*
10am – 10pm
* Except SM Supercenter Pasig
10am – 11pm

Dec. 22 (Sat)
10am – 12mn

Dec. 24 & 31 (Mon)
9am – 7pm

January 1, 2008
12nn – 9pm
* Except SM Supercenter Pasig
Dec. 25 & January 1, 2008
12nn – 11pm

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2007 PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER D1

Sunday LIFESTYLE



ROOTS AND WINGS
Cathy Babao Guballa

A different home for the holidays

To be confined in the hospital during Christmas is a poignant, bittersweet experience

Christmas catalog of hot consumer trends

GRAND BUFFET MEALS, salon shopping vouchers, and personal electronics will continue to be hot consumer trends this holiday season and beyond, according to Tricia D. [illegible], product executive for loyalty and rewards at American Express.

Focused on pleasing affluent card members who earn at least P1 million a year, American Express' choices usually indicate trends that "will eventually cover mainstream shoppers and buyers.

For now, the items enjoyed by affluent card members include dining vouchers to Circles Event Café at the Makati Shangri-La, Spiral at the Sofitel Philippine Plaza, a special package of red and white wine and wine accessories, and a Sony Playstation Portable.

The Membership Rewards Program is offered to card members to develop stronger loyalty and drive higher spending on the American Express Peso Platinum Credit Card, according to Grace D. [illegible], card marketing head. American Express has long used rewards that are attractive to clients to further grow the business.

For this holiday season, the rewards choices are being offered to card members as gifts they can give away to loved ones in exchange for points. Thus, there are items for adults as well as children, men as well as women, highlighted in the catalogue.

What does the Peso Platinum Card holiday selection mean to ordinary consumers? Pulled from stores and items frequently purchased by clients as indicated by their records, the "favored" restaurant indicates that offering a wide selection of premium dishes in one seating is the hot dining preference of the moment.

Spiral, for instance, offers fine cuisine categories from Italian to Mediterranean to Japanese—each category offering around 10 dishes. While [illegible], a signature restaurant at [illegible], does not offer buffets, it entices diners with samplings of turkey or lamb viands served in one dish.

The sampling is meant to awaken the diner to the many gastronomic possibilities offered by the hotel.

The American Express Christmas catalog also indicates that the appreciation of fine wine continues to engage its card members—and should also logically preoccupy the greater number of shoppers.

For 6,500 reward points, a card member can acquire a [illegible] Bordeaux wine glass set of two. The wine glass which is made in [illegible] is shaped so that the connoisseur can best appreciate the bouquet and other qualities of fine French red wine.

Choices for children contained in the catalog include the popular Nintendo Wii, which encourages its players to go through the motions of swinging a tennis racket or other activity required by the game to play. Other hot items, according to American Express Peso Platinum card members, include a Sony PSP and a Game Boy Micro.

A fashion choice [illegible] 25,000 points for [illegible] dresses, bed sheets with a luxurious 300 thread count and an apple juicer are other items heavily appreciated by the affluent.

In the spirit of Christmas, American Express Peso Platinum Credit Card also allows members to exchange reward points for cash donations to charities like Children's Hour, [illegible], and [illegible] Science Foundation, Inc.



AMERICAN Express' Membership Rewards Program is offered to card members to develop stronger card loyalty and higher spending.



A different home . . .

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help those who are most in need during the season. Here at the hospital, they have tried to make the experience a bit more pleasant. In the lobby every afternoon, different children's choirs come to serenade the visitors in the hospital atrium. An element of hope and cheer fill the air.

In fact, the ambiance at The Medical City is not depressing or hospital-like at all. Everyone from the orderlies to the nurses have a ready smile, and it isn't a put-on. And in spite of the constant exodus of nurses that most Philippine hospitals have had to deal with, the nurses here are very well trained, efficient, warm and pleasant.

To top it off, there is an ongoing toy drive for a children's foundation, and it warms the heart to see the toy boxes slowly fill up.

I've always had a love-hate relationship with hospitals. I dread having to go to one, whether for myself or for my children, but in the same breath, it is the place that has given me the most comfort at several crucial times in my life as a parent.

It is also there where I carry out my ministry and life's work. I consider it a huge blessing that our life as a family has been blessed with the best of doctors and medical practitioners.

If you want to do a good deed this Christmas, and teach your children about the true meaning and essence of Christmas, go and visit the pediatric wards of our government hospitals. There, you will see and experience for yourself firsthand how difficult life has become, and how hard it is to be, in the hospital.

Share a bit of yourself—whether your time, talent or treasure—with those who need it the most.

Friendly staff

I would like to thank our pastors from Greenhills Christian Fellowship and everyone who constantly visited and prayed for us, as well as our friends who checked on Pia. Also, her classmates who brought cheer just as she was about to feel down. Nothing like a group of 16-year-olds to brighten up a blue afternoon.

Thanks, too, to the friendly staff and all the wonderful nurses on the 14th floor of The Medical City for the great care that they extended my daughter.

My deepest appreciation to the pediatric residents who looked after her, and most especially to our lovable pediatrician, Dr. Joseph [illegible], who would drop in like clockwork at 5:45 a.m. each day and who took care not only of Pia but also of her parents. Our family thanks all of you from the bottom of our hearts.

Everything gets put on hold when illness strikes. This Christmas has become especially meaningful for our family with this experience. Though it's very difficult at the start, it is a good reminder to us all about how the real essence of Christmas is not found in gifts, food or parties, but in God's constant faithfulness to us, and for this we are truly grateful.

Many times, especially at the start of her confinement, I, just like any other parent, and considering our family's personal history, I would have panic-driven moments and thoughts go through my head. What helped was remembering how many times in the past the Lord had carried us safely in His arms, through many of our previous valleys, into safe ground.

I pray and wish for you and your families all the blessings of this Christmas season. May your hearts be filled with the security of knowing that our Lord loves you. A blessed Christmas to one and all!

And yes, in case you are wondering, by God's grace, we are home for Christmas.

E-mail the author at [illegible]

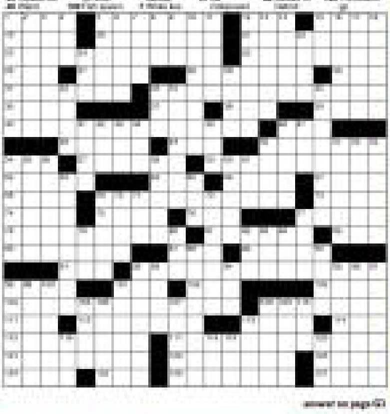
School for learning and recreation

Unique MBA-JD program in full swing

Get into the magazine habit

SUNDAY CROSSWORD

PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Frank A. Longo — THE TREE



answer on page D3

Get into the magazine habit

The best Christmas gift is genuinely listening to your kids



By [illegible]

"ASIDE FROM BOOKS, many kids are now interested in reading other print materials, such as children's magazines," says Celeste "Ces" Luciano Arenas, president of Booklinx Philippines Inc. "Young kids gravitate to them. Magazines are one of the best reading bargains for our youth, especially those containing fun science, adventure stories and challenging games."

Educators and parents may find it financially easier to buy large sheets than, say an encyclopedia set. Since magazines come out regularly, they can also feature more up-to-date articles than books. They are a handy way to keep up with current happenings.



PARENTS may find it financially easier to buy mags than an encyclopedia set.

Booklinx

Ces, a former ABS-CBN business news anchor, and her husband Marcus, a lawyer, love to read. When they got married, their book collection filled an entire wall of their house. Not surprisingly, their children, Jumelo and Hans in grade school, and Denise and Justin in preschool, have developed the habit of reading early on. In summer, they would participate in Rotary's public reading programs, part of an education advocacy run by schools.

When Ces' friend decided to focus on a reader foundation, she picked up from where the latter left off, and decided to put up Booklinx, her own literary and media center for kids.

Located on Scout Chuatoco Street in Quezon City, Booklinx offers everyone, especially preschool and elementary children, a chance to read good books for free. Aside from a well-stocked library, Booklinx also conducts storytelling sessions and reading workshops. The group's newest venture? Partnering on premium kid magazines, by Bayard Press.

Award-winning mags

"I fell in love with the magazines at first sight," Ces laughs. "The layout and the content are captivating. I knew at once I had something great to share with families and parents who do not want kids interested only in videos, TV or toys."

The monthly mags include stories and features from award-winning writers and artists. The "Box" series from Great Britain consists of three titles: the read-aloud "Story Box," for 3- to 6-year-old students; the chapter book-like "Adventure Box," for 6- to 9-year-olds; and the homework helper "Discovery Box," for 9- to 12-year-olds, with sections on history, nature, science and the modern world.

The "Owl" series from the US also has three titles, "Chirp," "Chickadee," and "Owl," for the same three target audiences, in the above order. The mags contain features, fables, cartoons, science, sports and many more.

"The high-quality content, printing and production make these titles consistent award winners," says Ces. The Owl Spring 2007 Magazines received Gold and Silver Honors from the Parents' Choice Foundation in the U.S. The Association of Educational Publishers had likewise given them the Distinguished Achievement and Golden Lamp Awards, the most prestigious awards in educational publishing.

Worldwide, these magazines reach more than 12 million subscribers.

Reading activities

Booklinx has begun a series of reading shows for schools. "Our hosts are not the usual party emcees that 'only give a show' but are themselves advocates of reading," says Ces. "Each show is unique and based on a particular magazine theme, enlivened by projects, experiments and activities featured in the issue. Kids are enticed to discover more and perhaps subscribe to their favorite titles."

Booklinx has also held several reading races in school fairs, where parents, teachers and children compete to successfully complete given tasks. The group hopes to do a corporate version for companies, to strengthen employees' family bonds through reading.

Booklinx also hosts Reading Camps to keep kids up to date on issues like global warming and responsible media education. Experts, such as scientists, help in handling the various topics [illegible]

SEE HABIT, D5

Sunday LifeStyle

Milestones



GERSALIA-GATACELO



YCAY-LIM



LEE-TOLENTINO



CONTRERAS-MADELAR



JIMENA-SAMSON



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SAN JUAN-PASCUAL

Sunday LifeStyle Travel

Presents for the wanderlust



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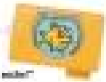
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WAIGU SLIPPERS



DANIEL in bronze

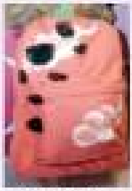


JOANNA in green



PRISCILLA in silver

JANSPORT



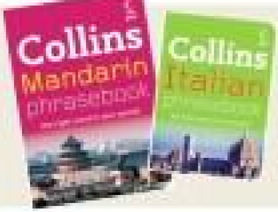




LONELY PLANET



COLLINS PHRASEBOOKS



Tagaytay hotel's festive offerings



TRAVEL BRIEFS

Win a dream vacation

Pinoy 'parol' lights up Sydney

More flights to Moscow

Palawan in good shape

Dining promo

Maayong Pag-abot sa mga Smart Pinoy!

Home for the holidays, OFWs get a Grand Salubong from Smart Pinoy at the Mactan-Cebu International Airport.

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A Heroic Welcome

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Three Months of Surprises

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Cebu: Center of Visayas and Gateway to Mindanao

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Tribute through Service

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Niño's Nativity welcomed

FR. VIC ROBLES, new parish priest of Sta. Maria, Bulacan says the devotion to the Sto. Niño harks back to Jesus' birth.

Images of Christ as a baby and a little boy adorn Filipino homes and businesses. Devotion to the Sto. Niño is the oldest of all devotions in the Philippines, starting in 1521 when Magellan gave an image of the child Jesus to Queen Juana in Mactan, Cebu.

The image was lost, but recovered 44 years later by Spanish soldier Juan Camus. It has been drawing pilgrims for more than 400 years to the now Basilica Minore del Sto. Niño in Cebu.

On the third Sunday of January, pilgrims stand in line for hours to see the Sto. Niño. The Sinulog festival has its origin from this devotion.

Four dancers spread their ... near the basilica on the eve of the feast (Jan. 20 this year).

Prince of Peace

When Fr. Robles was assigned to Sta. Maria, he could not have been happier. He has a special devotion to Him. He told me to look up the biblical passage that called the Child Jesus "the wonderful Counselor, the Prince of Peace."

With the help of Dr. Erwin Garcia, I found Isaiah 9:6 that says: "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

A Concelebrated Mass will be held Jan. 20, 8 a.m., by Bishop Rolando Tria Tirona.

The Congregacion del Santissimo Nombre del Niño Jesus will organize images for the exhibit at the PNB Financial Center Jan. 14-16, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. The exhibit opens Jan. 17, 5 p.m. Procession is on Jan. 27.

The feast of the Niño de Praga is on Jan. 20. Priests will lead the ... at 65 Pilipinas St., BF Resort Village, Las Piñas starting at 7 a.m. Mass will be at the Mary Mother of the Church Parish at 5 p.m. A procession will follow.

Home in Bethlehem

Before his present assignment, Fr. Robles cared for the Home in Bethlehem in Balicag, Bulacan. The home has 100 abandoned children aged up to 12 years.

Some 200 children living outside are fed and sent to school. Fr. Robles said he was able to care for 300 children because God always provided.

Fr. Robles still helps Fr. Joseph Cruz, who is now in charge of the home. Text him at 0920-4145067.



BLESSED: Tirona Gonzales (fourth from left), Gaudencio Cardinal Rosales, Msgr. Augusto Pedrosa and Our Lady of La Leche Movement members

Lady of La Leche

Gaudencio Cardinal Rosales endorsed the devotion to Our Lady of La Leche during a Dec. 8 Mass at the Manila Cathedral with Msgr. Nestor Cerbo, rector, and Msgr. Augusto Pedrosa concelebrating.

The Our Lady of La Leche Movement, headed by Remedios Tirona Gonzales, donated a life-size statue. To propagate the devotion, the movement is asking for donation of statues in parishes. Please text 0917-8133294.

Lady of Light

The devotion to the Mother of Light that started in Palermo, Italy was introduced in 1722 in Cainta by the Jesuits.

Fr. Giovanbattista Genovesi, SJ, from Pisa, Italy may have introduced the devotion. The devotion was later introduced to Guanajuato, Mexico (1732) and Leon, Bohol (1753).

The devotion to the Nuestra Señora de Salvacion was introduced by the Franciscans in Bicol, Tiwi, Albay (1776). It also spread to Italy, Ecuador, Venezuela and Peru.

Since then, Our Lady was called by various titles like Nuestra Señora de la Luz/Lumen, Our Lady of Light, Ina Inang Liwanag, Ina ng Kaliwanagan or Inang Nanininas ng Kaliwanagan.

The devotion has also been manifested in two of three antique bells in Cainta that are still in use.

A small compania de sodas was named after Nuestra Señora de la Luz in 1805. A huge bell re-casted in 1881 was named after the Nuestra Señora de la Lumen. As devotion to Our Lady spread, she became the patroness of Cainta.

The first Tagalog novena to Our Lady of Light, "Pag-dedevocion sa Pag-sisiyam sa Camahal-mahalang Virgeneng Caliwanagan," was prepared by Luis Bonoan, secretary of the archbishop of Manila, Fray Pedro Payo, OP.

The archbishop received permission to publish it in 1884. By then, Our Lady was considered titular head of the church of Cainta. The novena booklet and the song Caliwanagan was more appropriate than the song Bao.

Cainta has celebrated on Dec. 1, the feast of Our Lady of Light since 1852 or even earlier. The Virgin has a procession feast on Thursday after Pentecost Sunday.

In Cainta, the Virgin is recognized as patroness of reconciliation and those seeking conversion.

UST Christmas concert on TV

The annual classical Christmas concert of the University of Santo Tomas, "Symphony of Carols," will be aired at 4:30 p.m. Dec. 24, on ABC-5.

The concert, graced by no less than the new apostolic nuncio to the Philippines, Msgr. Edward Joseph Adams, was recently held at the UST Chapel (Santissimo Rosario Parish Church) and featured the top performing arts talents of the Pontifical University.

Leading the performers were the UST Symphony Orchestra under professor Herminigildo Ranera and the world-renowned UST Singers under professor Fidel Calalang, both conductors being faculty members of the UST Conservatory of Music, a Center of Excellence in Music Education according to the Commission on Higher Education.

The concert also featured US-based Thomasian soprano Clarissa Ocampo, UST Guitar Ensemble, UST Liturgikon, UST Grade School Choir.

Goodbye, Ernest

The last time I saw Ernest Santiago was at Bobby Caballero's apartment. He told me to write a book about Mama Mary. Since I had written about her, he said I should collate my columns into a book.

In our years of friendship, I never knew Ernest was devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Perhaps he prayed for me because I worked on the book the next year and launched it in 2006, with our friend Bobby as emcee.

On the evening of Dec. 18, I said goodbye to Ernest during his wake at the Capilla de San Francisco of the Santuario de San Antonio. I told Ernest I would pray for the repose of his soul so that he would rest with Mama Mary in heaven. I asked him to pray for me, as well.

Ernest's death is a reminder of our own mortality and teaches us of the need to be closer to God.

Christmas is the best time to reflect on the significance of Christ's birth in our lives. I wish you all peace of mind, good health and prosperity. This column is 20 years old this month. Thanks for all your support. The Lord be praised!

Sunday LifeStyle



COMFORT of the familiar: Students of American Hospitality Academy Philippines reimagines the usual of past noche buena dinners prepared for Mama or Lola—on a budget.



A SAMPLER of Noche Buena with Europeans ... whipped up by CCA



THE Salcesso Guest House team of De La Salle-College of St. Benilde's School of Hotel, Restaurant and Institution Management showcases Fusion Noche Buena.

Neo 'noche buena'

Inquirer asked budding chefs from three schools to tweak the standard midnight fare and the results are all worthy of Christmas

Yuletide fusion of flavors

Text by ...
Photo by ...

RIGHT AFTER THE MISA DE Aguinaldo, the highlight of the season, families go home to a grand midnight meal known as Noche Buena.

A thanksgiving rite, Noche Buena is a time when the entire family sits down for supper with a table laden with lots of food. Ham, queso de bola and fresh fruits are the standard fare served for a typical Noche Buena. But the homemaker can always add a personal touch to this feast.

The Salcesso Guest House team of the De La Salle-College of St. Benilde (DLS-CSB) School of Hotel, Restaurant and Institution Management suggests a Fusion Noche Buena showcasing dishes such as Salmon in Filo Pastry, Christmas Paella, Three-Cheese Prawn Gratin, Roast Pork loin in Tortilla Wrap and Holiday Mango Fondue. The group finished the five dishes, which cost P3,000.75, in two and a half hours.

Headed by chef Nyla Olleta, the team's members are third-year students of Culinary Arts who will man the school's showcase restaurant in January. They have won the grand prize in competitions of Reynold's, Century Tuna, Goldilocks and Nestle.

"For this Fusion Noche Buena, we thought of something simple so Inquirer readers won't have a hard time doing them. Fusion means combining techniques of other countries and locally sourced ingredients. At St. Benilde, there's a course on Filipino Cuisine wherein regions are discussed so students learn about their food and culinary styles. For the final exams, they do fusion but they have to know the foundation first," explains Olleta, program coordinator of DLS-CSB's Culinary Arts.

To give the feast a touch of fusion, the baked Salmon wrapped in filo dough was marinated in calamansi and salt and pepper. Its salsa for the filling had onions, tomatoes and capers.

Roast Pork Loin was dry rubbed and seasoned in ... style with ... leaves and cucumber.

According to Olleta, the idea behind the Christmas Paella was to include ingredients available in one's pantry or refrigerator so the dish features cooked ham, red and green bell pepper, green peas and chicken. "We added annatto oil and ... to make it Filipino," Olleta says. "The twist lies in the sun-dried tomatoes and ... The saltiness and sweetness of these ingredients complement each other."

The baked Three-Cheese Prawn Gratin was made from queso de bola, mozzarella and ... The team mixed it with garlic and butter, and stuffed it in prawns. The red and green

TASTE/F3


ASSORTED Cheese Platter


BABY Greens with balsamic vinaigrette


SALAD of Buffalo's Milk Cheese and Slow-Roasted Tomatoes



Special stuff for a special night


FRUIT AND NUT-STUFFED Roasted Pork Loin


CHOCOLATE Fondue with strawberries, marshmallows, pineapples and honeydew


COLD Seafood Platter with Saffron Aioli and Cocktail Sauce

Why not a buffet feast with roast pork stuffed with the earth's bounty as main course and centerpiece? Eager culinary students show the way

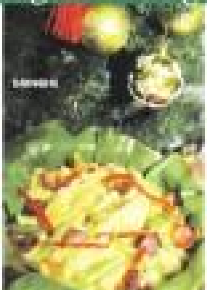
Salad of Buffalo's Milk Cheese and Slow-Roasted Tomatoes

Cold Seafood Platter with Saffron Aioli and Cocktail Sauce





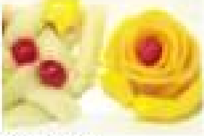
Pinoy-style budget feasting




ROAST Chicken



Culinary students whip up a banquet redolent of Lola's or Nanay's kitchen





Special stuff for a special night

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Fruit-and-nut-stuffed Roasted Pork Loin

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Chocolate Fondue

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CELEBRATE A COCA-COLA CHRISTMAS

Christmas won't be complete without a family Noche Buena, and Coke makes this salo-salo even more special by enlivening meals and making family bonding warmer.

This Coke Christmas Spirit lived on as the Coca-Cola Caravan traversed various cities and barangays this December to celebrate family Christmas cheer and bonding. Decked in bright Christmas lights and carrying loads of fun and games with it, the Christmas Caravan toured different cities and barangays to liven up the holidays.

With fun activities, games and prizes, it's successful Baguio leg garnered close to 40,000 visitors. And because it toured other cities and barangays in GMA as well as the rest of Luzon, the Coke Caravan has touched hundreds of thousands of people during this Christmas season.

But aside from that, Coke brings you the Coca-Cola Kasalo sa Pasko Promo which would surely be a Christmas treat for every family. Just buy Coke Litro and look under the cap to see if it's one of the winning Kasalo Caps. Then present the winning Kasalo Cap, along with 4 red Litro caps, to redeem special Kasalo Spoon and Fork collectibles at participating sari-sari stores and public markets nationwide. As of December 2, close to half a million cutlery sets have been redeemed and millions more to be given away until the redemption period ends on February 21, 2008.

With sets of Kasalo Spoons and Forks, and Coke Litro you're sure to have a splendid dining experience every day of the year.





SALMON in Filo Pastry



ROAST Porkloin in Tortilla Wrap



Yuletide fusion of flavors



THREE-CHEESE Prawn Gratin

Salmon in Filo Pastry



CHRISTMAS Paella

Christmas Paella



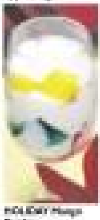
Three-Cheese Prawn Gratin

Roast Porkloin in Tortilla Wrap



GLAZING prawns to make the dish more appetizing

Holiday Mango Pandan



HOLIDAY Mango Pandan



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FRUIT Punch





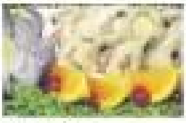


Roast Chicken

Chicken Galantine



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CHICKEN Galantine

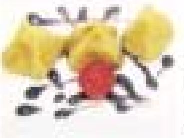
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Capturing the Yuletide 'spirits'



Holiday drinks



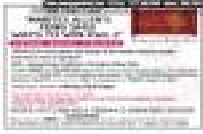


Delightful beverages



Holiday buffets and packages

LIFESTYLE





Rustan's Nena Vargas-Tantoco comes to her own especially this Christmas



Nena's season

Text by Chito Roño-Formoso
Photo by Rony Mendiola

YOU DON'T WANT TO BE IN a department store on the days leading up to Christmas if you can help it. But Nena Vargas Tantoco has no choice. She is married to Rico Tantoco, president of Rustan's and scion of the family that has owned and run the prestigious department store for over five decades now.

Luckily for her, Nena loves working in the store, even in the middle of the frenzied holiday shopping season. The aisles are a clutter with inventory that has to either be displayed or displaced. Sales clerks are scampering to help out customers. Personal shoppers are filling up bag after bag for VIPs who are too busy to pick out their own gifts. From these angles, Rustan's is on a roll.

"It's very exciting," says Tantoco on her way from floor to floor, as hands-on as anyone can be. Shopping hours have been extended to midnight on Fridays and Saturdays the whole month of December.

"It's been very good for us," she adds. "We have snacks and even food for late-night shoppers."

Hallmarks

Nena Tantoco is Special Assistant to the President and head of the Visuals & Merchandising Department (VMD) around Rustan's. As in other companies, folks there sail through the day-to-day on acronyms. Nena's is NVT.

The window display happens to be one of the hallmarks of Rustan's, the country's only top-tier department store, another is the merchandise selection that is mostly exclusive, luxury and branded. Both the displays and merchandising are doing well under NVT's guidance.

Nena was not part of the retail business in the beginning of her marriage to Rico. She had her own home business. Have you heard of the Vargas cake from Forbes Park?

"That's us," says Nena. Her sister Baby Javellana ran the business side. And it was Nena who perfected the recipes with Aunt Carmen, including the incomparable one for the Vargas Brazo de Mercedes. Today, third generation Vargases are running the kitchen.

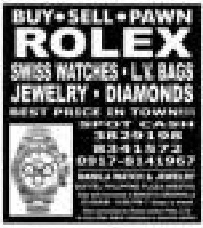
Nena recalls how whenever her mother-in-law would visit and notice the beautiful touches around the house, she would say Nena had a gift for decorating. "My mother-in-law would say don't just keep it with in the home, use it in the store," recalls Nena.

By move, Glecy Tantoco had meant Rus-

NENA G3

SANTA welcome here: there's nothing like the children's section at Rustan's Rustan's store in Makati; (above left) NVT at the home section













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Nena's season

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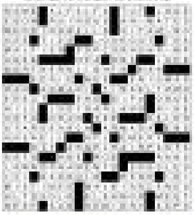
A son in heaven





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ANSWER TO SUNDAY CROSSWORD





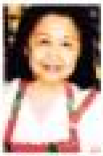


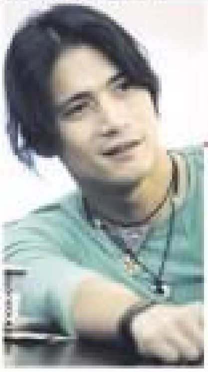




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Jaime Picornell

Cebu women's sweet charity





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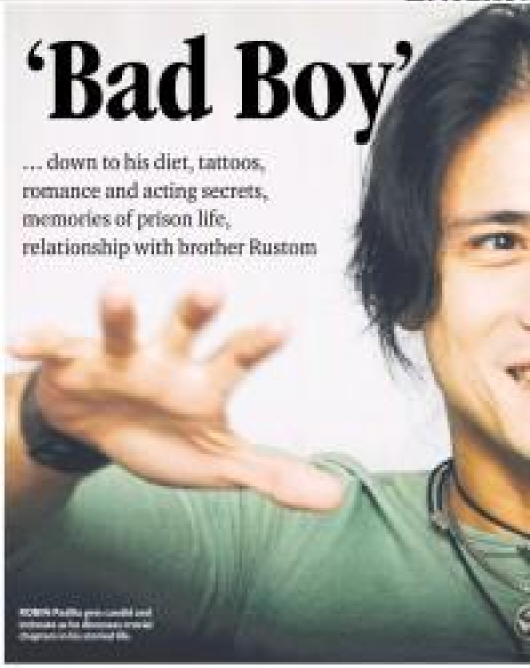




- 'Bad Boy' Robin Padilla bares all for Take Five, talking about prison life, brother Rustom, and three of his tattoos (at left–look very closely) /H2
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'Bad Boy'

... down to his diet, tattoos, romance and acting secrets, memories of prison life, relationship with brother Rustom



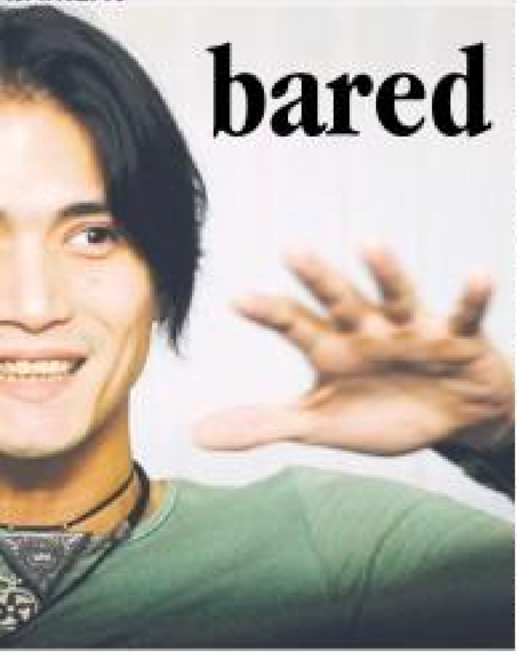
IF HIS LIFE STORY WERE TO BE divided in chapters, the years he turned 18, 28 and 38 would be particularly crucial.

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TAKE FIVE

'Kailangan 100 percent ang attention sa leading lady. 'Pag may asawa, 25 percent na lang, tinatunong na lang kung kumain na, 'di na ikaw ang bumibili ng pagkain.'





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> "[The worst feeling when I was in jail], useless ako...Parang dinala ako sa pinakamataas, naging superstar. Sa loob, lowest mammal ako. Parang baka, bibilangin, tapos itatago..."




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ENTERTAINMENT



Nicole Kidman, other stars reveal Christmas plans



NICOLE Kidman loves the anticipation.



ONLY IN HOLLYWOOD

Ruben V. Nepales

LOS ANGELES—[illegible] "Pasko [illegible]" [illegible] are on shuffle play on our home stereo. The Christmas tree lights seem to be flashing to the late Miguel [illegible] Philharmonic Orchestra and Mariah Carey's glorious version of "[illegible] Pasko [illegible]." There's a [illegible] from a [illegible] in the fridge, waiting to be devoured [illegible].

It could mean only one thing: it's time to write my Christmas column and wish one and all happy holidays!

Let's start with **Nicole Kidman**, one of the stars asked about Christmas in our press junkets. "I'm one of those people who love the anticipation of Christmas," she said in our London interview for "The Golden Compass." "I remember as a kid sneaking down at night to see the presents under the tree and the lights. I will do that in our house. What I do when I get back to Sydney is put all the fairy lights up. We have the tree. I love to celebrate the magic of Christmas. There's a fantasy quality attached to it."

> ...Dewey Cox wishes all rockin' holidays!

The actress, married to fellow Australian, country singer **Keith Urban**, revealed that she will spend the holidays "with my husband's family, my sister and all of her kids, my family as well as aunts and uncles. There will be a lot of food."

She added, "My sister does a lot of the cooking. We do a Christmas party on the 23rd (today, Sunday). We go to church. On Christmas Day, we have a big family gathering." With a laugh, she quipped, "So there's the whole schedule and you're all invited."

Magic in Sweden

Eva Green, the Bond girl in Daniel Craig's first outing as Agent 007 in "Casino Royale" and a good witch in "The Golden Compass," remembered a "magical" Christmas in Sweden, the birthplace of her father.

"I was in Stockholm for the Bond movie promotion last year," the actress, whose mother is French actress **Marlène Jobert**, explained. "I just loved it very much because we went to











One surprise after another in 'Asian Idol' finals

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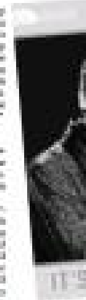
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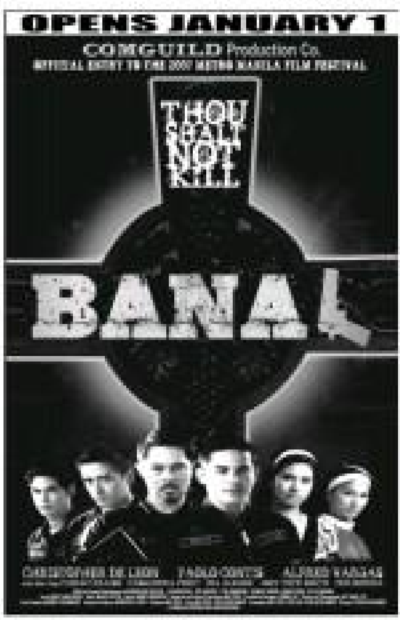
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Memorable holidays



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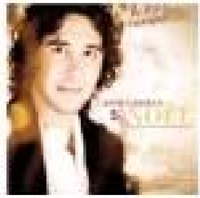
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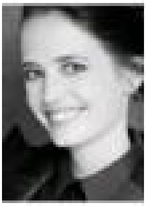
Groban's 'Noel' tops pop charts



...other stars reveal Christmas plans



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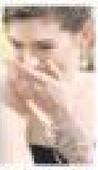


Pictures of the Year 2007

More Pictures of the Year 2007—The Rock and hip hop stars, Hollywood A-listers and consistent critics' favorites—from the Reuters News Pictures Service. Next week, our own picks from the past 12 months, published exclusively here in the INQUIRER Entertainment pages.



HELEN Mirren poses with her Best Actress award at the British Academy of Film and Television Arts awards at The Royal Opera House in London on Feb. 11.



ANNE Hathaway at the 79th Annual Academy Awards in Hollywood, on February 25.



RAP artist 50 Cent performs "Amusement Park" at the 2007 Black Entertainment Television Awards in Los Angeles, California June 26.



STING [illegible] during the opening concert of the Police Reunion Tour in Vancouver on May 28. REUTERS



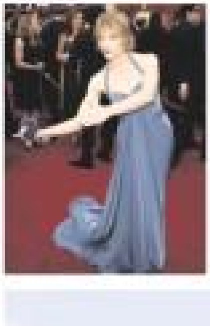
MARC Anthony, left, photographs the media as he and his wife Jennifer Lopez arrive at the 79th Annual Academy Awards in Hollywood, on Feb. 25.



FROM left: Abigail Breslin, Greg Kinnear and Alan Arkin share the stage at the 13th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards in LA on Jan. 28.



WILL SMITH plays around with son Jaden as they arrive at the German premiere in Berlin of "Das Streben nach Glück" ("The Pursuit of Happyness") by Italian director Gabriele Muccino, on Jan. 29.



JODIE Foster poses for a snapshot on the red carpet at the 79th Annual Academy Awards in Hollywood, on Feb. 25.



FORMER pro wrestler turned actor Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson walks on the red carpet, as FMX rider Robbie Maddison goes airborne during a stunt at the 2007 Taurus World Stunt Awards at Paramount Studios in LA on May 20. The show honors the most outstanding stunt professionals from all over the world for their extraordinary performances.

ENTERTAINMENT

'Alay ni Da King' encore

METRO MANILA FILM FESTIVAL 2007



"Shake, Rattle and Roll 9"

"Christmas Tree"

"Bangungot"

"Engkanto"

DID YOU KNOW...

Jury Award for 'Tirador'

By Marinel R. Cruz

"IT'S VERY ORIGINAL."

"It's powerful and energetic."

"It's different from the rest."

Co-awardee



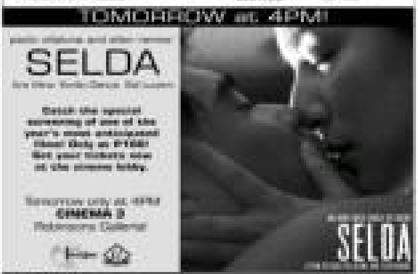


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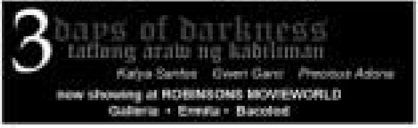
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Jury Award . . .

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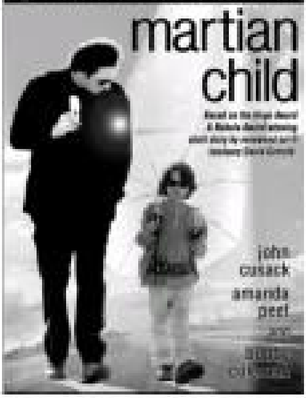
The film shared the festival's Special Jury award with Alexey Mizgirev's "Kremen (The Hard-hearted)," which tells the story of the struggles of Anton, a young man from the provinces who comes to Moscow to see the girl he loves.

CinemaStage Productions, the producer of "Tirador," has also sealed a video distribution deal with the French company Wolf Distribution. The contract would bring "Tirador" to France, Ireland and the United Kingdom, and Benelux.

No less than jury head Milos Forman, two-time Oscar winning director of "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" and "Amadeus," presented the award to Mendoza.

Other jury members were director...

Jury/A4



Celeb's dashing beau anything but meek

By the Inquirer Entertainment Staff

RUSHES SUNDAY

Split personality

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JUDY ANN Santos

Top of the tabloids



MENDOZA, left, with Milos Forman

Jury award…

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